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Price Scholars for Community Enrichment Internship Fund

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Program Overview

The Price Scholars for Community Enrichment Internships Fund supports Price master's students dedicated to making a positive impact in Southern California communities. The Fund provides awards of up to **\$7,500** for students who secure unpaid or underpaid summer internships with public service, nonprofit, or community-focused organizations.

Through these internships,

- Gain hands-on professional experience
- Build confidence and practical skills
- Contribute to organizations making a tangible difference in Southern California
- Benefit from faculty mentorship and the support of a peer

Student Eligibility

- Current Price master's students graduating in or after Fall 2026.
- Progressive degree students enrolled in master's-level coursework are eligible.
- Applicants must have already secured an internship or be awaiting the final stages of selection.

Internship Criteria

- Internship experiences must be substantive, project- and task-based work that directly or indirectly positively impacts communities in Southern California.
- Internship must span 10 weeks (30 to 35 hours per week) and take place during summer (May–August)
- Priority will be given to unpaid or underpaid opportunities.
While public and nonprofit roles are prioritized, small businesses engaged in



Application Process

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Online Application (link provided when applications open)
 2. Current Resume
 3. Personal Essay (1-page, single-spaced, 10pt font minimum) covering:
 - Your academic program
 - How your work will impact Southern California communities
 - How the internship will enhance your academic and career goals
 4. Proof of Internship, including: Offer letter on organization letterhead and Job description with clear duties and responsibilities.
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Internship Sourcing

Students may secure opportunities through two pathways:

- **Independent Search:** Source your own internship that meets the internship criteria.
 - **Pre-Approved PCE Opportunities:** Career Services and faculty partners will promote qualifying opportunities. Organizations may submit job descriptions for approval, which will be highlighted for students. *Note: Pre-approval does not guarantee applicants*
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Selection Process

Awardees are chosen based on the strength of their application, including demonstrated written and verbal communication skills.

Timeline

October	Employer partners may materials for pre-approval
November	Approved positions are posted to jobs board, employers may interview based on respective timeline
January	Students may apply for funding
March	Student funding applications close
27th April	Committee reviews and selects awardees
6th May	Internships begin
August	Internships End

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